

YMS KNOWLEDGE MASTERS



Row one: Ryan Olson, Hunter Koch, Haley Conrad, Briana Brandt Row two: Landon Withrow, Brice Cowman, Layne Droppers, Logan Megard. Row three: Alyssa Schild, Hailey Bockholt, Abby Schulte, Juan Skorey. Row four: Brett Ewald, Liam Wright, Kamrie Mammola

YMS Competes In National Contest

The Yankton Middle School Knowledge Master team and other middle school teams from South Dakota and the United States participated in the Knowledge Master Open on April 21.

This is a nationwide contest designed to measure the students' academic knowledge.

The Yankton team finished 5th among the 11 South Dakota middle schools and 268th among the 649 middle schools in the United States that chose to enter the contest.

The questions are selected from all middle school academic areas and are designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment.

The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site.

An emphasis is placed on speed as well as accuracy in answering the 200 test questions. The coded test results are phoned into Academic Hallmarks and the company tabulates the results to determine the state and national winners.

The Yankton Middle School team is coached by Angie Becker.

TEACHER APPRECIATION



The Friends Of Sacred Heart would like to thank our teachers for the fabulous job they do throughout the year, especially this week during Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers of Sacred Heart Schools Middle School are: (back row) Principal Regan Manning, Marcia Olnes, Kim Olson, Sr. Margo Tschetter; (front row) Jozette Knoff, Liz Koerner, Rebecca Peterson, Kathy Campbell; and, not pictured: Barb Geigle.



The teachers of Sacred Heart Schools Elementary School are: (back row) Jane Goeden, Sandy Vavra, Christine Brinkman, Steph Brodeur, Jen Fiscus, Lucy Stredler, Marty Harms. (middle row) Vonnie Carda, Kelly Budig, Hannah Weispennig, LuAnn Kennedy, Lisa Barger, Sherry Rockne, Jackie Steffen (front row) Sara Steffen, Lee Barkley. Not pictured: Amy Kramer, Lori Stephenson, Jean Vavra.

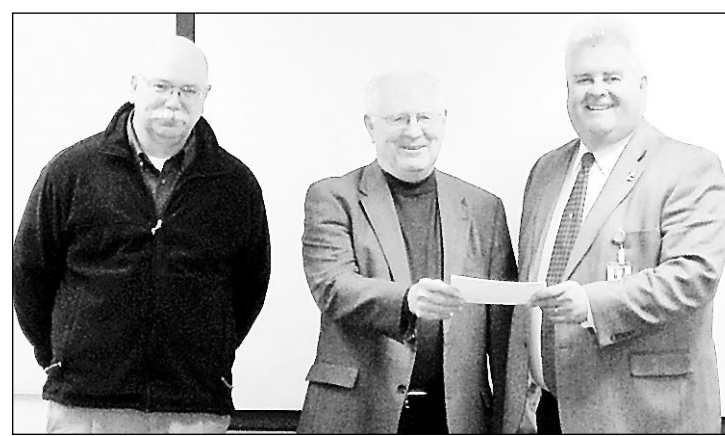
HOMETOWNNEWS

Vermillion Vets To Participate In Honor Flight S.D.

VERMILLION — Honor Flight South Dakota is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an all-expense-paid trip for World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to tour the National World War II Memorial.

The National WWII memorial in Washington DC was completed and dedicated in 2004. Since the dedication, the Honor Flight concept was launched to recognize the service and sacrifice of American Veterans with a visit to the national memorials at NO COST to the veteran. Most WWII veterans are now in their 80's and do not have the where-with-all to travel on their own. Honor Flight Guardians travel along providing assistance and help veterans have a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience.

While organizing Veteran's Day activities in recent years, Julie Rolfe, therapeutic recreation manager at Sanford Care Center Vermillion, was aware of the number of World War II veterans amongst the residents and tenants of Sanford Care Center Vermillion and Dakota Gardens apartments. Currently, eleven



Jerry Johnson (center), president of the Dakota Hospital Foundation, presents a check for \$10,000 to Larry Rohrer (left) and Dave Landry (right) of Honor Flight South Dakota.

World War II veterans reside between the two facilities; ten males and one female. Julie, having recently had close family members take part in an Honor Flight trip, was inspired to pursue that same opportunity for these veterans.

Rolfe has been working with a number of the veterans and their families in the application process for Honor Flight trips in

2010. She was pleased to recently learn that the four veterans that applied, two from Sanford Care Center and two from Dakota Gardens were approved to participate in the Honor Flight departing from Sioux Falls, South Dakota on May 21.

Larry Rohrer and Dave Landry of Honor Flight South Dakota were invited to Vermillion to meet with Rolfe and Tim Tracy, CEO

at Sanford Vermillion. Rohrer and Landry shared a great deal of information about Honor Flight, their fundraising efforts and the application process.

The Dakota Hospital Foundation board was made aware of the efforts of Honor Flight South Dakota and the limited time remaining to accomplish their goal for South Dakota veterans. In March, the Dakota Hospital Foundation board voted unanimously to make a \$10,000 contribution to the cause.

"The board is more than eager to support Honor Flight and help in any way that we can to honor our World War II Veterans with this well-deserved experience," commented Jerry Johnson, president of the Dakota Hospital Foundation.

"We are so excited for the veterans that will be making the trip in May. It has been a privilege to work with them on this project. It will truly be a special experience for them all," comments Julie Rolfe, Sanford Vermillion.

For more information, log on to honorflight.org or send an e-mail to honorflight@gmail.com.

General Aviation Appreciation Month Observed In April

PIERRE — In cooperation with the State Aeronautics Commission and the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT), Gov. Mike Rounds proclaimed April as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

"General aviation plays a critical role in the lives of South Dakota citizens, as well as businesses, farms, and ranches," Gov. Rounds said. "The efforts of the DOT Office of Aeronautics and the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission have greatly enhanced the aviation industry in South Dakota."

The South Dakota Aeronautics Commission, (shown in the enclosed photo) working through the Office of Aeronautics, administers \$20 million to \$25 million annually in airport improvement projects that include expansions, equipment, and new runways.

These projects contribute to local economies, meet demands for aviation services, and provide added safety for pilots and passengers.

Additional federal stimulus funding this past year has allowed the Commission and DOT to administer funding for \$43.1 million in airport improvement projects.

South Dakota has 74 airports, serving 1,293 general aviation aircraft, 2,198 pilots and many other support personnel and volunteers, as well as numerous aircraft and pilots' associations.

General aviation in South Dakota contributes \$303 million annually to South Dakota's economy. Total direct and indirect employment of about 1,800 jobs is attributed to the local aerospace and aviation sectors across the state, providing a direct wage and benefit impact of \$55 million annually.

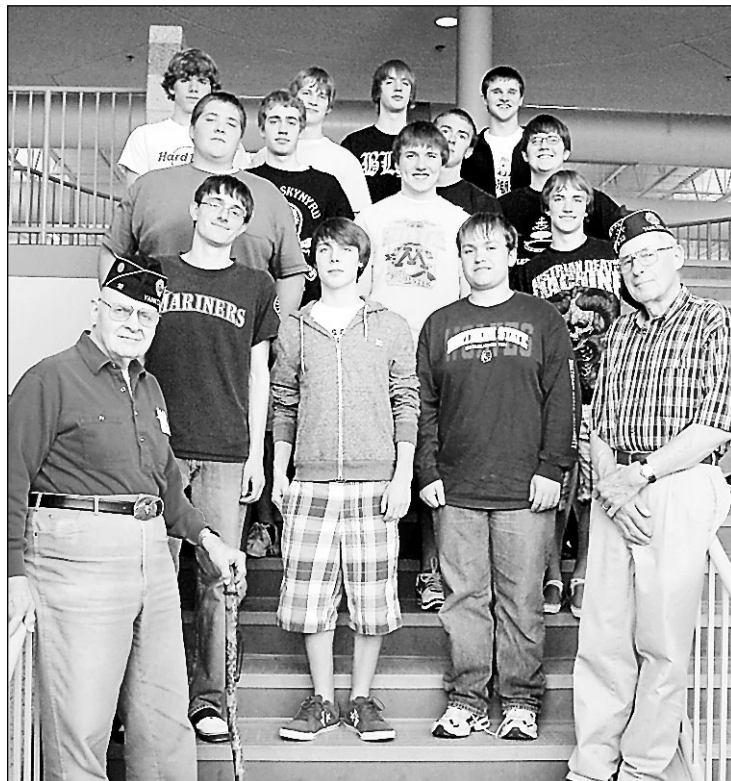


Left to right, Secretary of Transportation Darin Bergquist, Aeronautics Commissioners Dr. Buron Lindbloom, Larry Vetterman, Dick Pearson, Gov. Mike Rounds, Commissioners Jack Mitchell, Skip VanDerhule, and Larry Nelson.

Use of general aviation by businesses, ranches, and farms in South Dakota is directly tied to

the future growth and prosperity of the state.

YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS STATE DELEGATES



The 68th South Dakota American Legion Boys State will be held in Aberdeen May 31-June 4. The YHS Boys Staters are, front from left: Joe Benda, Taylor Tiekle and Schuyler Boyd; second row: Paul Foss, Brendan Gramkow, Colton Lange, Ryan Ford; third row: TJ Dumke, Brian VanMeeteren, Aaron Farver, Joe Boudreau and Jon Kathol. Pictured with the Boys Staters are Jim Cope, left, and Chuck Tienken.



The 64th South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is held in Vermillion May 31-June 5. The YHS Girls Staters are, front from left: Allison Kathol, Taylor Fender, Amy Johnson and Sophie Holtzmann; second row: Maggie Healy, Jordan Koch, Kelsey Moser, Rachel Weinandt and Olivia Hopewell; third row: Taylor Specht, Hiley Cammock, Sara Watt and Allison Fejfar; fourth row: Emily Niebrugge, Riley Paulsen, Katherine Fiedler, Emily Healy and Sadie Stevens. Pictured with the Girls Staters is Gert Boyles.

MEETING MINUTES

RC&D

For Earth Day the RC&D visited native prairie sites, traditional homes of the Greater Prairie Chicken and the Sharp-tailed Grouse. The birds were jumping for joy during their mating ritual. They really do dance! Thirty-two people caught the "early bird" show to catch the action because the show started shortly after sunrise.

Scott Wessel, Private Lands Biologist and Lucas Negus, Wildlife Biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and Rebekah Jensen, Northern Prairie Lands Trust Wildlife Biologist shared their knowledge and expertise about these birds. Scott voiced concerns about the disappearing habitat and if the trend continues there will be declining numbers of these grouse species in the area. However, there are many farmers and ranchers that are enhancing some of their land through the CRP program to improve habitat conditions.

Through the work of the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project, which covers northern Antelope and all of Knox County, over 70 leks (breeding grounds) have been identified.

The RC&D planned and hosted the activity and looks forward to other earthy outings. Watch for information on the summer Blossoms, Butterflies & Birds trip. Contact the RC&D Office at 402-582-4866 to sign up.

SIGMA THETA TAU

YANKTON, S.D. — April 28, 2010 — Mount Marty College's honor society of nursing, the Upsilon Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau held its annual meeting and research day in the Avera Sacred Heart Physician's Office Pavilion on April 22, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Following the business meeting and lunch, Mount Marty

Nursing Lecturer, Gayle Weibert presented her research into domestic violence, Between 2 Worlds.

Nursing students also participated in a poster presentation and competition. Two posters were offered on the post-graduate level and four graduate level posters were presented. Traci Kreinert, Osmond, Neb., presented the poster, Bar-Code Medication Administration, which was selected as the best of show. Kreinert receives a certificate and an honorarium for her efforts. This honorarium is provided by Senator Jean Hunhoff, RN, MSN, MHA, an advocate for nursing research.

TOASTMASTERS 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn Pan Restaurant on Saturday May 1, 2010. Club President Jeremy Skrenes called the meeting to order and called on Janice Stone to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Buhl served as Toastmaster of the Day to conduct the meeting and called on master evaluator Joy Winther to introduce the other members with duties; Steve LaBay as speech evaluator, Barb Mechtenberg as ah counter, Carol Hale as vote counter, Vernon Arens as timer, Steve Hamilton as joke master, and Harry Voetke as grammarian who presented the word of the day "Exiguous." Matt Stone gave an impromptu speech on the topic of Boy Scouts to complete Speech Project #1 (Speak Off the Cuff) of the Specialty Speeches Manual. Table topics were conducted by Mike Arens, who called on 10 members at large to respond to questions related to Earth Day. Joy Winther led the evaluation portion of the meeting and asked Steve LaBay to evaluate Matt Stone and then she evaluated the meeting in general. Kevin Buhl was awarded the trophy for best table topics response.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday from 7:30-8:40 AM at the Fryn Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters, call 665-1523 or 660-3904.

TOASTMASTERS 6217

"Ruthless" was the word of the day presented by grammarian David Fiebelkorn on April 29 at the Club 6217 meeting held at noon in the Benedicene Center with Steve Anderson as Toastmaster.

The General Evaluator Fran Kocer's team consisted of timer Kary Beltz, "um" counter Greg Stach, and Gale Vogt gave the invocation.

The speakers were Mindy Schweitzer and Taylor O'Bryan. Schweitzer's "The Man's Team" was about a husband and wife's interaction over "the wife's place in the man's world of football." O'Bryan's "What's Your Story?" was reminding us that we usually live life in a routine rather than with variety. Best Speaker Award went to O'Bryan.

Speech Evaluators were Eileen O'Connor for O'Bryan and Jeff May for Schweitzer. The evaluator's job is to give helpful hints on how the speaker can improve their presentation. O'Connor received the Best Evaluator Trophy.

INTERCHANGE, INC.

The regular weekly meeting of Interchange, Inc. was held on Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Waterfront Courtyard Grill. President Stacy Winteringer presided. Members recited the Pledge of

Allegiance. Past President Nancy Sternhagen introduced three new members: Arlene Kathan, Regional Manager of SD Child Protection Services; Janet Jensen, self-employed artist; and Frani Kiefler, Public Relations Coordinator, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Announcements by members of upcoming events and opportunities included Weekend River Festival and Clean-up on May 7-8, beginning at the Yankton College Alumni Hall at the Summit Activities Center; Hospitality Training "Yankton 202" at RTEC on May 11; and Heartland Humane Society Animal Fair on May 15 at Riverside Park. Program hostess was Lois Varvel from Historic Yankton, Inc., who introduced speaker Chuck Lambert, Executive Director of the Lewis & Clark Theatre Co., which owns, occupies and operates the historic Dakota Theatre at 328 Walnut St., downtown Yankton. Lambert described the mission of the organization, its contribution of entertainment and services to Yankton and surrounding communities, the history of the building, and current fund-raising efforts to preserve the facility.

The next meeting will be May 10, at 12 noon, at the Waterfront. Hostess will be Nancy Willett and the speaker will be Crystal Mensch-Nelson, Executive Director of the Yankton County Historical Society which owns and operates the Dakota Territorial Museum in Westside Park, Yankton.

VFW LOYALTY DAY OBSERVANCE

Yankton VFW Post 791 held its annual Loyalty Day observance with a flag display at Memorial Park and a potluck dinner at the Post Home. May first, Loyalty Day, serves as a reminder to all Americans that we should give thanks for our priceless heritage and should never

falter in our efforts to counteract any group or organization that seeks to weaken or overthrow our government.

Master of Ceremonies was Bill Rueppel, Past Post Commander. Chuck Stoddard gave the Loyalty Day speech emphasizing each branch of service. Loyalty Day Citations were presented to Dave Hunoff, Yankton County Sheriff, Steve Hermanson, representing the

Yankton Fire Department, Jeff Sorenson representing the Yankton Police Department and Corey Briest, representing the Yankton County Emergency Medical Services. Commander Terry Fiedler and Auxiliary President Shelley Stoddard introduced their officers. The observance ended with Don Boyd leading the group in singing God Bless America.

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